



### Tour 3 Itinerary – Humpbacks in their Nursing Ground - 30th Aug to 8th September 2012

		Thur 30th	Fri 31st	Sat 1st	Sun 2nd	Mon 3rd	Tue 4th	Wed 5th	Thur 6th	Fri 7th	Sat 8th
Group 3 8 Day)	Aug 30th- Sept 8th	Water	Water	Water	Leisure day	Water	Water	Water	Leisure day	Water	Water

#### Tour Summary:

Boisterous males, nurturing females and energetic calves are abundant as the season kicks off with playful behaviour and large groups of whales visiting this Island paradise. We embark at 8:30am every day from your resort for a day of swimming with the whales, snorkeling the pristine coral reefs, stopping only for lunch and to admire this marine sanctuary.

#### Daily Itinerary:

Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Pickup from your resort for your first day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8:30am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8:30am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leisure Day	Spend the day exploring the islands, snorkeling, diving, Quad bike riding or just relaxing on a beach. There are plenty of activities to keep you entertained.

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8:30am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Leisure Day	Spend the day exploring the islands, snorkeling, diving, Quad bike riding or just relaxing on a beach. There are plenty of activities to keep you entertained.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Pickup from your resort for a day of whale watching & snorkeling.
	Anytime	Lunch depends on the whales, but we try and stop in a number of snorkeling spots each day.
	3:30-4:30pm	Return to your resort for a warm shower Before you venture out for dinner in Neiafu.

#### **Tonga Time:**

The schedule above is a guide and things change often when you are on an Island in Tonga. The locals are on what we call 'Tonga Time', so don't be disappointed if the skipper is late, or your meals are not served on time, or you don't get exactly what you ask for, just relax and enjoy this tropical paradise.

#### **Activities:**

We try to visit some of the most amazing snorkeling spots in Vava'u as we search for the whales, including untouched coral reefs, caves and lagoons. But if you haven't had enough after 8 days on the water there are always lots of other adventures:

- Scuba Diving
- Sailing
- Kayaking
- Deep sea Fishing
- Land tours
- Hiring a scooter

**Preparation Checklist:**

- Check your flights and connections to Tonga and make sure you have confirmed your domestic flights to Vava'u.
- Check to make sure that you have booked your accommodation well in advance and that you have booked either side of your tour if you are arriving early or staying longer.

*At Swimming with Gentle Giant's we think it is a privilege to snorkel with these amazing creatures and understand they are wild animals that deserve our respect. We are visitors in their environment and our encounters are often determined by the whales.*